

**Remarks**

Claims 143-155, 167-193 and 196-226 are pending.

New Claims 225-226 have been added, as supported in the original claims, figures, and specification.

Claims 143, 149, 173, 176, 179, 182, 186, 190, and 196-223 have been amended to more clearly recite that the surface of *each* epitaxial silicon layer has a *plurality of facets*.

No new matter has been added with the amendments or addition of new claims, which are intended to merely clarify language used in the claims and the subject matter claimed. The scope of the claims is intended to be the same after the amendment as it was before the amendment.

**Advisory Action.** In the Advisory Action mailed January 12, 2006, the Examiner refused entry of the Response filed December 9, 2005, and maintained the rejection of the claims as anticipated by or obvious over Sharma (USP 5,483,094) (alone or in combination with Kenney, USP 5,849,077), stating that the limitation of the surface having multiple facets was not recited in the claims.

Reconsideration of the claims as presently amended is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the top surface of each of the epitaxial silicon layers of the claimed structures as comprising a *plurality of facets*.

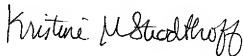
Sharma, either alone or combined with Keeney, does not teach or suggest Applicant's devices as claimed. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

**Extension of Term.** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that a one (1) month extension of term is required. please charge the required fee to Account No. 23-2053. If an additional extension of term is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge the required fee to Account No. 23-2053

**Excess claims fees.** Please charge any excess fee for the added claims to Account No. 23-2053.

Based on the above remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of the claims. It is submitted that the present claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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